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25X1 6. [] Talked with Walter Besterman, on the House Immigration Subcommittee staff, on a hypothetical basis, on the possibility of waiving the physical presence requirements of Section 316 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act in connection with a case of interest to us. Besterman felt that this could be accomplished and we discussed a bill of the type which would be required (S. 1685) which had been brought to my attention by Mr. Fred Mesmer, of the Senate Subcommittee staff. Besterman indicated that the Congress has passed four or five bills of this sort within the past ten years. He added that since the individual in whom we had an interest was employed by a concern which is engaged in foreign trade and commerce, this would be sufficient justification for the bill. Besterman suggested that we discuss the case with Ed Rednick, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (code 155, extension 451). He also said he thought it would be appropriate for Mr. McCone to make a contact with Chairman Walter. He added that the President calls Mr. Walter several times a week on matters of interest to him and he felt it would be in our interests for Mr. McCone to make a contact with the Chairman.

I mentioned Mr. Walter's remarks on the floor of the House to the effect that Francis Gary Powers was not a spy and that it was incorrect for the press to put Abel and Powers in the same category. I told Besterman we had been most interested and impressed by the Chairman's remarks. In the course of the conversation, I learned that Mr. Walter's speech on this occasion had been prepared by Besterman who felt very strongly on this subject.

Besterman also indicated he has known Mr. Helms for many years and understood that he had been appointed to Mr. Bissell's position and that he was considering sending Helms a congratulatory note.

25X1 7. [] Talked with Dr. Eld Gottlieb, TSD, concerning my conversation with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff. (See Journal 23 February 1962) On Gottlieb's advice I informed Murphy that if the scientist concerned was a [] of 25X1A [] our people were in touch with him and he should pursue his interest through that channel. If the scientist was someone else, it was suggested that he submit written data on his device for review. Murphy felt this was a reasonable solution and will take the matter with Mr. Brobeck on this basis.

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